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Lt. Governor Peter Kinder Names Dean and Donna Dittmer as Senior Service Award Winner

Award recognizes Volunteer work by Missouri Seniors

Jefferson City- Missouri Lieutenant Governor Peter Kinder announced Dean and Donna Dittmer of Lancaster, Missouri as a quarterly winner of the Lieutenant Governor's Senior Service Award. As the official Senior Citizen Advocate for the State of Missouri, Lt. Gov. Kinder created the Award to promote and highlight the positive accomplishments that Missouri's senior citizens continually provide their local communities.

Dean and Donna Dittmer deliver meals to homebound senior in the Schuyler County area up to three times a week. Dean also serves on the board of the Schuyler County Nutrition Center. The couple moved to Lancaster nine years ago from Colorado.

The Dittmer's were nominated by Representative Brian Munzlinger (R-Lewistown) for their work with the Schuyler County Nutrition Center in Lancaster.

"The Dittmer's are a great example of how many American's can and should help their fellow citizen's", said Munzlinger. He added, "Lt. Governor Kinder has started a great program that allows all of us to say thank you to people in our lives that may otherwise go unnoticed. Folks like the Dittmer's are the real strength of this county. I'm proud to know them both."

“There are thousands of Missourians whose lives are touched by the unselfish work and caring hand of someone like Dean and Donna Dittmer,” said Kinder. He added, “These acts of kindness go on unnoticed all around us every day. They offer their time and labor back to the community, and I want to bring these stories to the public, so we can all thank them for their work.”

Dean and Donna Dittmer will receive an official declaration from Lt. Gov. Kinder, a Senior Service Award Lapel pin, and special recognition at the State Capitol from Lt. Gov. Kinder.

Nominees for the Senior Service Award must be at least 60 years old and volunteer a minimum of 40 hours over the past year in their community. Senior volunteers can be nominated on a quarterly basis by filling out a brief form available on Lt. Gov. Kinder’s website at www.ltgov.mo.gov. Letters of recommendation must accompany the nomination forms.